

In the Claims:

1. (Amended) An implosion proof structure in a flat cathode ray tube having a panel upon which atmospheric pressure is exerted as the flat cathode ray tube is evacuated, comprising:

A¹ implosion proof means strapped or coated on an outer circumferential surface of a funnel in the vicinity of the panel of said flat cathode ray tube.

2. (Amended) An implosion proof structure as claimed in claim 1, wherein the implosion proof means is strapped and has a strapping tension in a range of 600 - 3000 kgf.

3. (Amended) An implosion proof structure as claimed in claim 1, wherein the outer circumferential surface of the funnel includes a flat portion perpendicular to the panel.

A² 5. (Amended) An implosion proof structure as claimed in claim 3, wherein the outer circumferential surface of the funnel has a width larger than a width of the implosion proof means, wherein said implosion proof means is a band.

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6. (Amended) An implosion proof structure as claimed in claim 5, wherein a width of the flat portion of the funnel is set to be equal to, or greater than 16mm.

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9. (Amended) An implosion proof structure as claimed in claim 1, wherein the implosion proof means is a coat of hardening adhesive with a required yield strength after it is hardened.

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12. (Amended) An implosion proof structure as claimed in claim 9, wherein the hardening adhesive is formed of a material having a difference in thermal expansion/contraction coefficients between the hardening adhesive after it is hardened and the funnel to be below approximately $5 \times 10^{-7} / ^\circ\text{C}$.

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14. (Amended) An implosion proof structure as claimed in claim 13, wherein the ceramic adhesive has a difference in thermal expansion/contraction coefficients between the ceramic adhesive after it is hardened and the funnel to be below approximately $5 \times 10^{-7} / ^\circ\text{C}$.
